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b. Caribou, November 17, 1915

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ROLAND GAMMON was born in Caribou, Maine, and graduated from Colby College. Since 1941, he has been on the editorial staff of several national magazines, including *Life*, *See*, and *Pageant*. His religious articles have appeared in *Redbook*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Parade*, *The Christian Leader*, and *Faith Today*.

During World War II, as a member of an Air Force personnel narratives team, he helped cover combat operations of the 20th Air Force in India, China, and the Mariana Islands.

Mr. Gammon has had the opportunity of visiting the shrines, temples and holy places of all the major world faiths. Active as a writer and speaker, he is vice president of the National Association of Universalist Men and a director of the Laymen's Movement and the World Parliament of Religions.

November 23, 1954

Mr. Roland Gammon
c/o Harper & Brothers
40 East 33rd Street
New York City 16

Dear Mr. Gammon:

TRUTH IS ONE is a book which we bought at once upon publication, and it is no surprise to us that its value and attraction became immediately evident. It is a beautiful book, and an extremely useful one to us. It will be noted in the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, in the Maine in Print list, and we trust that many other Maine librarians will take advantage of its availability.

It is of particular interest to us because of your Maine birth, and it is for that reason that we are writing to you now. Do you know about the Maine Author Collection? It is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or books pertaining to the state. Most of the two thousand volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and the inscriptions lend added distinction to an outstanding collection which constantly attracts visitors and students. We try to maintain a file of information in our authors, too -- biographical sketches, reviews, and similar material from every possible source.

We hope you share our feeling that TRUTH IS ONE should be in the Maine Author Collection. It would give us great pleasure and satisfaction to see such a fine book on the exhibit shelves.

Meanwhile, our very good wishes for its success.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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April 21, 1955

Mr. Roland Gammon
c/o Harper & Brothers
40 East 33rd Street
New York City 16

Dear Mr. Gammon:

Last fall we wrote to you about your book, TRUTH IS ONE, and the possibility of including an inscribed copy in the Maine Author Collection. We have had no reply from you, and we hope that this is just because our letter has been laid aside for your later attention.

The Maine Author Collection is the only place where all the books of all Maine authors are gathered together and permanently displayed, and it grieves us to think that it is incomplete, as it is, of course, without your book.

Don't you agree that TRUTH IS ONE should be a part of the Maine exhibit? We hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing it on the shelves.

Sincerely yours

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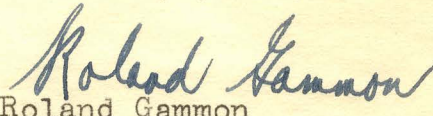
Mr. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am pleased and flattered that you should invite me to send an inscribed copy of Truth Is One to the Maine State Library at Augusta. As a native of Caribou and an annual visitor to this matchless state, I shall be most happy to send you a copy of the book in the near future.

You will be glad to know that the book has sold about 9,000 copies to date in the bookstores, and another 9,000 have gone to the Religious Book Club for May distribution (see enclosed). Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,


Roland Gammon
Director, Division of
Public Information

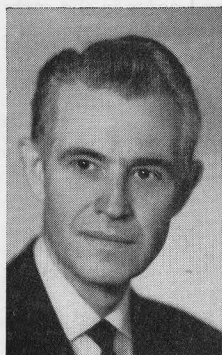
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The May Club Selection

ACHIEVING REAL HAPPINESS

By KENNETH HILDEBRAND... Firmly grounded in a Christian philosophy of life, the author's main interest is intensely practical. He suggests—in simple, clear-cut terms—what specific steps to take which will lead in the direction of real happiness.

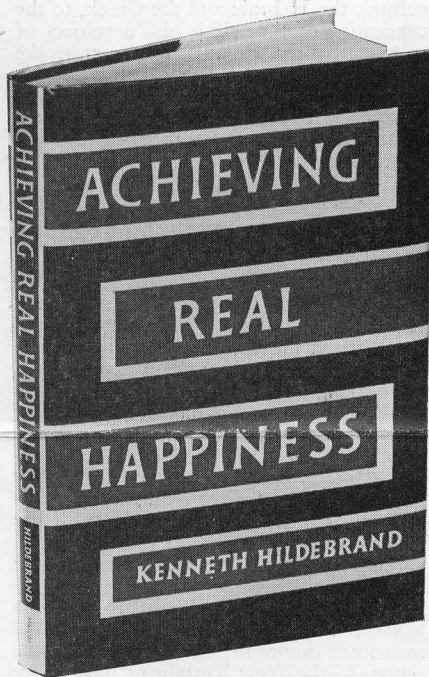
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THE current demand for literature emphasizing "peace of mind" and "positive thinking" is an amazing phenomenon. Most of the output is superficial. Much of it presents an over-simplified or one-sided interpretation of Christianity. Some of it even fosters a wrong conception of "faith" as a way of achieving our own ambitions and worldly success. But the popularity of books and articles and broadcasts of this type at least shows how eager people are for help in meeting the strains and anxieties and frustrations of life. Beyond question, there is a widespread thirst for happiness and true self-fulfilment. A book which rightly speaks to this condition, without glossing over the real problems and difficulties, fills a tremendous need.

Such a book is Kenneth Hildebrand's "Achieving Real Happiness."

This is definitely a book in the popular vein. It is written neither for theologians nor intellectuals but



for Every Man. It is, however, a thoughtful and mature approach to problems that weigh heavily on every generation—and doubly so in the confusing and painful world of today. The reader to whom the book is addressed is the man who, though he may be reasonably successful by ordinary standards, is restively dis-

satisfied and finds little zest or happiness in his daily life. Needless to say, his name is Legion!

The author has no neat psychological tricks or panaceas to offer to his readers. On the contrary, he deals with the basic attitudes that determine one's outlook on life. Happiness, it becomes clear, resides in what we are, not in what we have. It lies within ourselves, not in our surroundings. It is intimately related to religion because it depends on the answer to such questions as whether our existence has any meaning, whether every individual is important in the scheme of things, whether there are more-than-human resources in our struggle, whether in spite of our failure and sin forgiveness and renewal are possible.

Happiness, it further appears, comes by indirection rather than from the direct pursuit of it. Here we confront the great paradox of the Gospel that he who would save his life loses it and he who is willing to lose his life saves it. Among the points that are especially illumined is the fact that as we concentrate on the interests of others instead of being narrowly absorbed in ourselves, and find something greater

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ACHIEVING REAL HAPPINESS

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than ourselves to live for, we find a permanent and satisfying kind of happiness.

Although thus firmly grounded in a Christian philosophy of life, the author is not content with general principles. His main interest is intensely practical. He suggests—in simple, clear-cut terms—what specific steps to take which will lead in the direction of real happiness. He organizes his ideas in concrete points which march into the reader's mind in a one, two, three order.

The chapter headings indicate the areas of human experience and difficulty which are thus examined—such as “Managing our Moods,” “Mastering our Resentments,” “Overcoming our Anxieties,” “The Conquest of Suffering,” “When Trouble Troubles Us,” “Making the Most of our Abilities,” “Laughter is Holy, Too” and

“Be Yourself!”

The thoughtful suggestions are clothed in a fluent and limpid style. There are no involved and labored sentences. This is the kind of book which you find enjoyable and profitable at the same time.

Ministers will appreciate the volume because of its fecundity in ideas for further development in sermons. They will also rejoice in its rich store of illustrative material, much of it drawn from the realm of biographical incidents. Occasionally an illustration seems rather shopworn but most of the illustrations are both apt and arresting.

Lay men and women will find the book intimately helpful for personal stimulus and guidance. Many of them will probably regard it as the best of the popular attempts to combine psychological insights with Christian truth.

OTHER NEW BOOKS

PLEASE NOTE: Review of a book in these columns does not necessarily imply recommendation. As a service, to help members keep abreast of new books of spiritual interest, books reviewed in the RBC BULLETIN may be purchased from the Club at Publisher's Prices, but no bonus book credit can be given. Approximately four weeks may be required to fill your order.

THE SELF AND THE DRAMA OF HISTORY

By REINHOLD NIEBUHR \$3.75

Among American theologians Reinhold Niebuhr is the one who is most widely recognized around the world. His latest book may be thought of as important essays supplementing his famous Gifford lectures on “The Nature and Destiny of Man.” In analyzing the uniqueness of the self he describes three “dialogues” in which it is constantly involved—with itself, with its neighbor, with God.

In exploring each of these dialogues Dr. Niebuhr reveals the penetrating thought, the flashing insights, and the keen political observations which characterize his earlier writings. His thinking is never cloistered but vitally related to the moving currents of life. In the midst of the deepest theological and philosophical discussions one comes upon revealing references to Freud, Marx, Hitler, Franco, Churchill, the United Nations and scores of contemporary scenes.

The relation of the self to the community in various forms is one of his absorbing concerns. To the relation between freedom and order he turns again and again from many angles. The meaning of the historical process in which the self is

placed is another focus of study. The relation of the two components of Western culture, the Hebraic and the Greek, to the conception of the self is also a subject of original inquiry. From all this emerges the conclusion that the Biblical faith is “a tremendous adventure” and “a hazardous affirmation that human life is meaningful because its tangents of meaning are enclosed in a pattern beyond human reason.”

THE EARLY CHURCH AND THE COMING GREAT CHURCH

By JOHN KNOX \$2.50

In the most recent William Henry Hoover lectureship the professor of sacred literature at the Union Theological Seminary examines, both carefully and wisely, the bearing of our knowledge of the New Testament Church upon the life of the Church of our own time. More particularly, his concern is to answer the question, How *normative* is early Christianity for Christianity today? Still more specifically, he asks what the experience of the Church of the first century has to teach us about the unity of the Church in the 20th century.

One important conclusion is that the goal of what we now call the ecumenical movement cannot be reached by any simple return to the New Testament. Dr. Knox makes it clear that there was great diversity of both ideas and practices in the early organization of the Church. Unity, he further points out, is not something that we have lost but something to be achieved. Nevertheless there was a vital unity at the beginning in the sense that every Christian group was deeply aware of its identity with others in a movement that included them all. There was a fellowship based on a common relation to the creative event that took place in Christ, and on a common

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kenneth Hildebrand is a young minister in the Chicago Loop who has found how to appeal to the restless throngs of people living in the downtown hotels and boarding-houses. He has no church edifice. He is backed by no denomination. He has no organized resources. His place of worship is a great hotel. His audience is held together by his personal influence and the helpfulness of his message. The congregation which he thus serves is Central Church... a pioneering undenominational project, founded by Frank W. Gunsaulus. This is Mr. Hildebrand's first book. Although much of the material has been used in the pulpit, this is not a book of disconnected sermons but a serious and well-articulated treatment of a great theme. His successful experience in radio and television indicates his popular touch. On Sunday evenings his broadcast, "The Twilight Hour," has been warmly received, as has also his program of interviews entitled "The Guest of Honor."

experience of the Spirit. Dr. Knox goes on to trace the subsequent development of creed and ministry and order in the early Church and to indicate what we may learn from this historical process about the problem of securing a united Church now.

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY: AN ECUMENICAL APPROACH

By WALTER MARSHALL HORTON
304 pages, \$3.75

This book fills a unique place in theological literature. It is a deliberate effort to make the study of theology truly ecumenical and to discover to what extent an ecumenical theology has already emerged. The author is exceptionally well qualified for the task both by his thirty years of teaching at the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin and by his close association with the whole ecumenical development during that time.

Professor Horton's method is original. In the case of each of the great Christian doctrines he asks three questions: (1) What is the basic ecumenical problem with which this doctrine is concerned? (2) How far have the best Christian scholars of all lands and all denominational backgrounds come to a consensus in answering that problem? (3) What are the principal disagreements which interfere with a clear Christian answer and which must still be resolved? These three questions are applied to each of seven key doctrines: the knowledge of God, the nature of God, God and the world, God and man, Christ the Savior, the Church and the means of grace, the Christian hope.

On this basis Dr. Horton erects a firm structure for a systematic theology which is more than denominational, more than

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Protestant, more than American, and yet takes full and sympathetic account of the contributions of all major historic traditions and all geographical areas. His analysis brings in many interesting comments on theological trends of today, as represented by such scholars as Barth, Brunner, Aulén, Tillich, Temple, Baillie and Niebuhr.

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

By GERALD KENNEDY \$2.50

In the judgment of the Methodist bishop-preacher of California "there are far too many of us who proclaim the Gospel without a proper sense of its excitement." He himself certainly does not do so! In his sermons he knows how to make the Gospel appear as really "good news," and in these Lyman Beecher lectures at Yale he opens up to us the main lines of his approach. His general point of view is indicated by his insistence that preaching is not the giving of advice but "headline stuff blaring forth the news about a Man, a Life, a Way, an Answer."

The "Good News of God" in Bishop Kennedy's interpretation, is vividly concrete. It is good news "of action," good news "of law," good news "of concern," good news "of eternity," good news "of redemption," good news "of truth." In six stirring chapters under these six heads he expounds the heart of the Christian message as he understands it. His theological position is that of a liberal who has found firm ground for his convictions and who is especially concerned to relate those convictions to our contemporary society.

LIFE LOOKS UP

By CHARLES B. TEMPLETON
192 pages, \$2.50

Here are some of the messages that have inspired millions of listeners to a young evangelist, not as widely publicized as Billy Graham, but more penetrating in breadth of insight and experience. His earlier work as a sports cartoonist for the *Toronto Globe and Mail* gives an unconventional quality to what he has to say. His preaching faces real problems and does so with personal sympathy and understanding. As the title of the series suggests, a spirit of faith and courage runs through all the sermons. Evangelistic in appeal, they are solid in substance of thought as well as potent in touching the springs of feeling and action.

THE YEARS OF OUR LORD

By CHARLES M. CROWE 155 pages, \$2.50

These seventeen sermons on the life of Christ show why the minister of the Wilmette (Ill.) Methodist Church has a strong following. The material of each sermon is so well organized that the outline stands out plainly. The style is crisp. The use of illustrative incident from history and literature is skillful. The intellectual content is significant. The emotional overtones are such as touch the imagination and the will.

GREAT IDEAS OF THE BIBLE:

VOLUME II

By RYLLIS GOSLIN LYNIP
276 pages, \$2.75

Prepared for "moderns," with a special eye on the interests of youth, this is a successful attempt to outline the moral and spiritual truths which give the Bible enduring value and make it a unique guide to conduct. Volume I dealt with the understanding of God and the message of Jesus. Volume II has three main sections. The first is concerned with the adventure of faith, the material being drawn from the lives of Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah and Paul. The second section is focussed on the problem of suffering, based partly on Job and partly on the teaching and experience of Jesus. The third section ranges more widely over the Scriptures, laying hold of passages that have high inspiration, with particular reference to love, prayer, and eternal life.

The author's method is to select those parts of the Scriptures (using the Moffatt translation) which speak with the greatest clarity and power, and to give just enough interpretative comment to point up their significance for our daily living.

INDIA TODAY

By JACK FINEGAN \$4.25

This book is a perceptive, first-hand account of India today as seen through the eyes of a trained scholar and observer, Dr. Finegan of the Pacific School of Religion who spent two years in India as a Fulbright scholar doing research in Indian archaeology and religion. His interests far transcend these fields however, and the result is a fascinating, up to date informative volume packed full of facts appreciatively and intelligently interpreted. In clear, organized fashion the author gives the fundamental facts of India's geography, ethnography, history, political structure, religions, concluding with a picture of the status of Christianity in India today together with an assessment of its future outlook. It would be hard to lay one's hands on a more helpful volume describing the character of this Asiatic nation with whose destiny our own destiny is significantly involved.

ANCIENT RELIGIONS

Edited by VERGILIUS FERM
392 pages, \$7.50

Formerly bearing the title "Forgotten Religions," this new edition of a scholarly symposium claims attention from those who have a special interest in comparative religion and the history of cultures. Each of the seventeen contributors is a recognized specialist in his own field. Samuel A. B. Mercer of the University of Toronto, for example, surveys the religion of ancient Egypt. Samuel N. Kramer of the University of Pennsylvania explains Sumerian religion; Theodor H. Gaster of Dropsie College, the religion of the Canaanites; George E. Mylonas, the mystery religions of Greece; Leland C. Wyman, the religion of the Navaho Indians. The materials are factual and objective, with strong accent on the anthropological and sociological sides, and appeal more to the student than to the preacher or layman.

THE SWORD AND THE CROSS

By ROBERT M. GRANT 144 pages, \$2.75

The struggle to maintain freedom and human rights in the world today lends timeliness to this historical study of the attitudes of the Roman government in the early centuries of Christianity. The young scholar who is now associate professor of New Testament at the University of Chicago not only reviews what happened in the relations of the Christian movement with the Empire but why it happened and what it signifies for our present problems of Church and state.

Fresh light is thrown on the ancient picture by Dr. Grant's analysis of the whole policy of Rome in maintaining an official state-religion and trying to preserve it against all external influence. The reason why the state failed was—in Dr. Grant's judgment—that it presumed to usurp the place of God. The discussion of the Roman effort to enforce loyalty oaths introduces a suggestive parallel to contemporary political issues. This, however, is more implicit than explicit for the book is a basic historical study rather than an argument.

THE DIGNITY OF MAN

By RUSSELL DAVENPORT 320 pages, \$4.00

This book is an incisive analysis of the philosophical and historical situation in which America finds itself *vis a vis* Russian Communism. The author believes that the main issue is neither political nor economic, but rather, fundamentally differing views of man and his purposes. Written for the intelligent layman who the author believes must become an amateur philosopher, this book sets forth the thesis—established and buttressed by impressive scholarship and lucid thought—that if freedom is to have reality it entails the recognition of man as a spiritual as well as an economic and political being.

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

By JOHN MACKINTOSH SHAW
380 pages, \$6.00

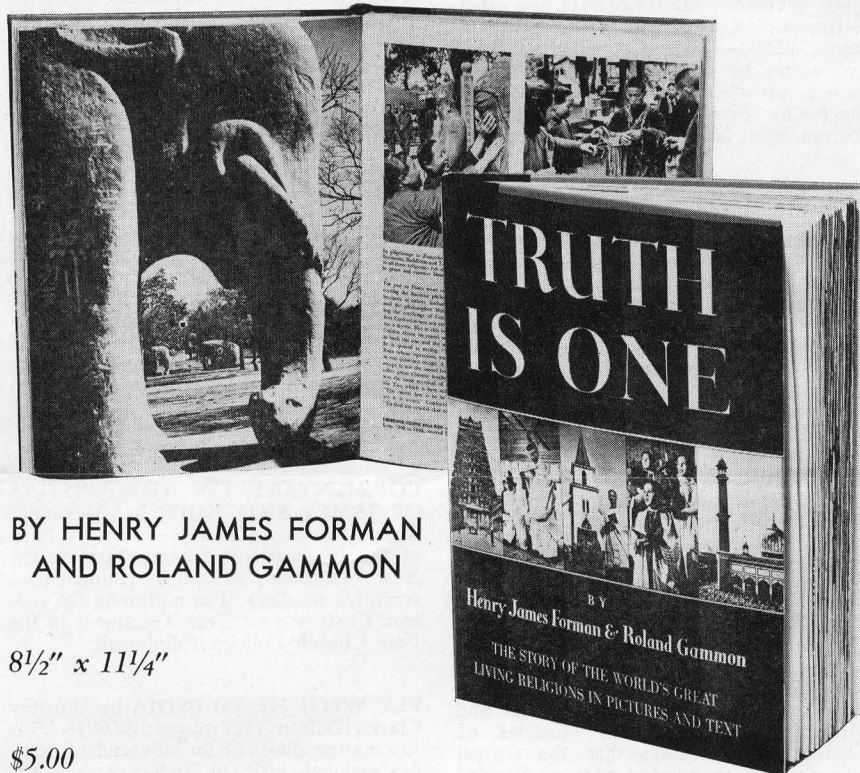
This "outline of Christian belief" is a rewarding effort to provide a comprehensive and systematic treatment of theology within the compass of a single volume of moderate size. It comes from the pen of a Scottish-Canadian scholar, professor at Queens College, at Kingston, Ontario. His background is that of the Reformed tradition, but his outlook is distinctly ecumenical. One of the chief virtues of his work is its avoidance of any sectarian partisanship and its effort to appreciate the whole heritage of the Christian faith.

The five sections deal successively with the Christian doctrine of God, the Christian doctrine of man and sin, the Christian doctrine of redemption, the doctrine of the Christian life, and the Christian doctrine of life after death. The general point of view is that of a constructive "liberal" who finds much of value in neo-orthodox trends. He is especially concerned to express the truth of ancient doctrines in terms which will have vital meaning for the present day. He therefore reduces the use of technical and academic language to the minimum that is possible without sacrifice of basic content.

Your Next Bonus Book — TRUTH IS ONE

FASCINATING in both text and its pictures, this is a popular interpretation of all the great religions of the world. Here are 250 pictures of churches, temples, shrines, worship, symbols and other expressions of the religious life of mankind in its diverse forms—the best collection of this kind that we have seen.

The panorama of universal spiritual life thus surveyed includes an account of eleven historic faiths and their adherents: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, Jainism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The authors regard all these religions as different visions of the same truth or as so many paths to God. The treatment is not profound and one often wishes there were a more critical and discriminating appraisal, but the combination of readable narrative and charming visual material is captivating and makes a strong appeal, and it raises for consideration by Christian people the main religions Christianity is up against in the contest for men's minds and souls, and provides a great deal of food for thought for those who suppose we are going to evangelize the world in the next two or three generations.



BY HENRY JAMES FORMAN
AND ROLAND GAMMON

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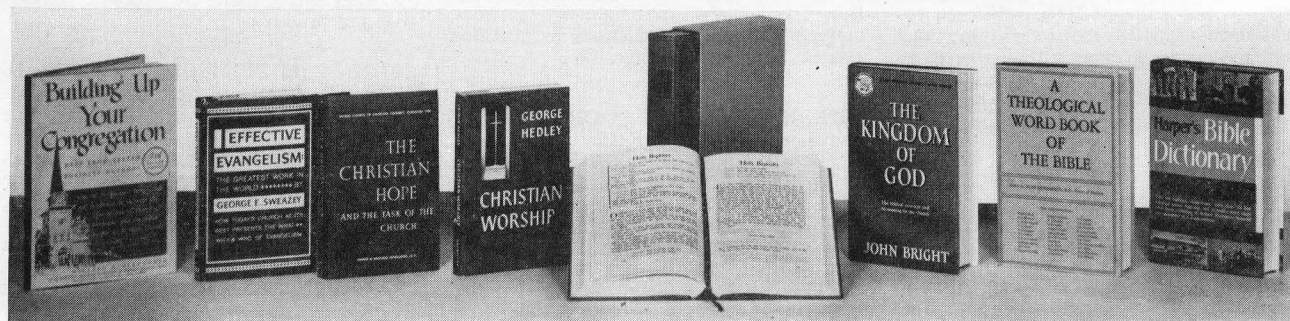
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When you have accumulated *four bonus credits* you will receive the current bonus book automatically. Those whose purchases during May, June, July and August will give them a total of *four bonus credits* and who *do not* want to receive "Truth Is One" may have one of the following books—listed in the order in which they are depicted in the photograph below from left to right—by notifying the Club of their choice: "Building Up Your Congregation" by Willard A. Pleuthner (\$3.00), "Effective Evangelism" by George E. Sweazey (Sorry, but the supply of this title was depleted when the BULLETIN was going to press, and no more copies

are available.) "The Christian Hope and the Task of the Church," Omnibus volume incorporating all the basic materials for the World Council of Churches Assembly, Evanston, 1954 (\$5.00), "Christian Worship" by George Hedley (\$4.50), "The American Book of Common Prayer," a two-color facsimile edition of The Standard Copy of the 1928 edition for the Episcopal Church (\$5.00), "The Kingdom of God" by John Bright (\$3.75), "A Theological Word Book of the Bible" edited by Alan Richardson, D. D. Canon of Durham (\$3.50), "Harper's Bible Dictionary" by Madeline S. Miller and J. Lane Miller (\$7.95—six bonus credits needed).



OTHER CURRENT BOOKS OF INTEREST

THE WOMAN OF TEKOA and other Sermons by Clarence E. Macartney (160 pages, \$2.00)—Twelve sermons on Bible Characters by one of the country's best known preachers. The subjects are as diverse as "Five Drunkards of the Bible," "Seven Who Said No," and "Onesimus."

THE COMPACT BIBLE, The Old and New Testaments in the King James Version edited for easy reading by Margaret Nicholson (504 pages, \$4.50)—This condensed edition of the Bible is not meant for the historian or scholar, but for the general reader who is interested in reading swiftly and concisely. All sixty-six books are condensed without changing a word, the verses chosen kept in proper sequence, and each book preceded with a helpful preface. For those wishing to fill in the omissions by reference to the complete book itself, the first verse of every section is identified by chapter and verse. An elaborate, comprehensive index adds to the value and attractiveness of this volume.

THE FAITH THAT REBELS by D. S. Cairns (260 pages, \$3.00)—A new edition of the study which the late Dr. Cairns first published in 1928, in which he sets forth and compares the Traditional and Modernist views of the miracles of Christ, and concludes that the Gospel miracles are an integral part of Revelation.

A DEMOCRATIC MANIFESTO by Samuel Enoch Stumpf (168 pages, \$2.75) and **THE SPIRITUAL BASIS OF DEMOCRACY** by Henry T. Gillett (97 pages, \$2.50) — Two recent works in which the relationship between democracy and religion is traced. In the former, Professor Stumpf sees "New England left-wing Puritanism" as productive of the "most conspicuous democratic ideals and practices," while the author of the other, a British Quaker physician, finds the Quaker spirit most favorable to the future of democratic ideals. Professor Stumpf is concerned to contrast the basic philosophy of democracy with that of Communism, while Dr. Gillett is more interested in democracy as a manifestation of the spirit of Christ.

GOD AT YOUR DOOR by C. Gordon Bayless (158 pages, \$2.00) — Fifteen revival sermons which aim to win decisions from the unsaved, exact a higher level of living and witness from the saved, and furnish material to Gospel preachers who are seeking fresh ways of presenting their message.

STARS APPEARING by Sibyl Harton (238 pages, \$3.00) — Lives of sixty-eight of the less well-known saints of the Anglican (Episcopalian) Calendar, written by the wife of the dean of Wells Cathedral, England.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE by Arthur S. Bolster, Jr. (373 pages, \$4.50) — Said to be the first published biography of the nineteenth-century transcendentalist, filling an important gap. The author appears to admire Clarke, but is realistic about his limitations. He has considerable familiarity with the era, and writes clearly and simply.

THE SEPTUAGINT BIBLE edited by C. A. Muses (1426 pages, \$6.50)—A new edition of Charles Thompson's translation of the oldest Greek version of the Old Testament. Thompson was secretary of the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1789. His translation was made from Codex Vaticanus B, but the new edition benefits from comparison with other versions, and its verse numbering has been carefully checked with the "King James" version. This is an important reference work, since the Septuagint is the version from which New Testament writers most often quote.

COMMENTARY ON THE EPISTLES OF JAMES AND JOHN by Alexander Ross (249 pages, \$3.50)—A new volume of the International Commentary on the New Testament, written by eminent conservative teachers. The author is the former Professor of New Testament in the Free Church College, Edinburgh.

FLY WITH ME TO INDIA by Dorothy Clarke Wilson (127 pages; \$2.00)—This fascinating diary of an independent, non-professional visit to India records the events that befell Mrs. Wilson—known to many for her numerous religious plays and novels—in the course of a six-month, 14,000-mile journey to the country whose future may be as important to us as that of America itself. Sightseeing in all manner of places by all manner of vehicles, the excitement of such occasions as lunching with Nehru and seeing the first president of India inaugurated, but most of all the leisurely, personal contact with all kinds of people, make this book delightful, easy but rewarding reading. Anyone concerned with the forces that link India's destiny with our own will profit from reading this observer's on-the-spot report.

MORMONS ARE PECULIAR PEOPLE by G. T. Harrison (180 pages, \$3.00) — Mr. Harrison's thesis is that the Book of Mormon was originally written as fiction, and that Joseph Smith's story of having found it on golden plates was a pure invention. He has documented his contention from many contemporary sources, and pointed to contradictions in Mormon records about the matter.

THE BOOK OF THE POOR IN SPIRIT translated by C. F. Kelley (288 pages, \$3.50)—An important work in mysticism, by a member of a fourteenth-century Rhenish community. Said to rank both spiritually and ethically with Suso, Eckhart, and Tauler, this work is presented in a fine new translation by a member of the Benedictine Order at Downside Abbey in England.

THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE by Jean Mouroux (370 pages, \$5.00)—The author of "The Meaning of Man" explores a complete philosophy and theology of Christian experience, in answer to the question which the modern world asks the Christian: "What worthwhile experience can you give me?" In doing this, Abbe Mouroux also reveals the inadequacy of certain of the narrow concepts of religious experience with which we are all familiar. Abbe Mouroux goes to the Bible and to the writings of the mystics for the basis of his study.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS by Leonid Soroka and Stan W. Carlson (160 pages, \$2.50)—A teaching outline of the Faith of the Eastern Orthodox Church which is, as far as we know, the only book of its kind in English. It deals with the history, theology and practices of Orthodoxy in simple, yet authoritative fashion, and is generously illustrated. It is intended for the instruction of English speaking Eastern Orthodox in their own faith, but should be read by anyone who wants a clearer knowledge of what the Eastern Orthodox Church teaches and believes.

CONCISE DICTIONARY OF ANCIENT HISTORY edited by P. G. Woodcock (465 pages, \$6.00)—Covering the persons and events from the beginning of recorded history to the fall of the Roman Empire, with emphasis on the Greek and Roman civilizations, this "dictionary" forms a valuable adjunct for those who would naturally turn to the Bible and Biblical commentaries for information about the Judaeo-Christian tradition. The several thousand references are in alphabetical order under the names of persons, places, and books.

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